

# A Coalition of Support

*Standing Together for the American Worker*

*Supporting the Reciprocal Market Access Act, H.R. 1749*



**Executive Director of American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition Augustine Tantillo**  
“HR 1749, the Reciprocal Market Access Act, should help to ensure that our trade policy is actually working to open opportunities for American businesses to export goods and services. The “snap-back” provisions of your legislation could be a very useful means of ensuring that our trading partners fulfill their commitments to open up their markets to our exports.”



**Director of Government Affairs AFL-CIO William Samuel**  
“The AFL-CIO strongly believes that the U.S. must do more to support domestic job creation and economic growth. Ensuring that U.S. exports achieve the access promised in our trade deals would go a long way toward achieving that goal. We encourage you to support the Reciprocal Market Access Act and similar efforts to ensure American products and services are not unfairly locked out of foreign markets.”



**Legislative Director of the United Auto Workers Barbara Somson**  
“H.R. 1749... would ensure that our trade negotiators achieve real market access for domestic producers, tie authority to eliminate tariffs in trade agreements to achieving meaningful market access, and give our government the automatic negotiated right to revoke tariff concessions if our trading partners don’t implement the commitments they made to open their markets (“snapback” authority).”



**International President of United Steelworkers Leo W. Gerard**  
“This bill would support our nation’s workforce and strengthen the competitiveness of American industries globally, by significantly increasing the Administration’s ability to reduce foreign trade barriers.”



**International Brotherhood of Teamsters General President James Hoffa**  
“(H.R. 1749) will help obtain meaningful market access in emerging markets and will help protect the jobs of U.S. workers.”



**Director of Legislative Affairs International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers & Helpers Anthony Jacobs**  
“Under current trade agreements, U.S. manufacturers do not have meaningful market access in many sectors due in large part to the continued use of non-tariff barriers. So, while tariffs may have been reduced or eliminated, foreign countries still use these other internal means to prevent expanded market access for U.S. exports, thereby keeping our industries and our workers at a competitive disadvantage. Your bill would address this severe imbalance by giving the United States government the automatic negotiated right to revoke concessions to cut tariffs if our trading partners don’t implement the commitments they made to open up their markets – a key tool our trade negotiators have been lacking.”



**CEO of the Coalition for a Prosperous America Michael C. Stumo**  
“Reciprocity is a bedrock international trade principle which has been ignored by U.S. trade negotiators and Congress. Your bill helps re-establish reciprocity by requiring trade negotiators to obtain a reduction or elimination of foreign tariff or non-tariff barriers before agreeing to lower U.S. tariffs.”

H.R. 1749 is also supported by Corning, Inc.

Provided by the Office of Congresswomen Louise Slaughter